

Term-II

SHOULD WIZARD HIT MOMMY?

—John Updike



STAND ALONE MCQs

[1 Mark each]

Q. 1. What change did Jo want in the story's end?

- (A) Skunk to smell of roses. (B) Skunk's mommy to relent.
(C) Wizard to hit mommy. (D) Animals to love skunk.

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: Because it was due to the mother's action that Roger started smelling bad again

Q. 2. How did Mommy skunk behave with the wizard?

- (A) She became angry and hit the wizard.
(B) She was pleased and so hugged the wizard.
(C) She was indifferent to the wizard.
(D) She didn't meet the wizard.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: She didn't like Skunk smelling like roses.

Q. 3. The smell of roses was _____ for mommy Skunk.

- (A) pleasant (B) unusual
(C) heavenly (D) awful

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: Smell of roses is not normal for Skunks.

Q. 4. With which character of the story did Jack associate himself?

- (A) An old man (B) An Owl
(C) A Skunk (D) A kid

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: The wizard's voice was one of Jack's own favourite effects. So he wanted to be the old wizard.

Q. 5. 'Should Wizard hit mommy?' is a _____ within a story.

- (A) story (B) digression
(C) metaphor (D) moral

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Explanation: Should wizard hit mommy is a story within a story where the father usually tells his daughter the same story of a creature named Roger.

Q. 6. Jo, a 4-year-old child, is symbolic of _____ in the story.

- (A) obstinacy (B) smartness
(C) innocence (D) rebelliousness

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: 4-year-old child is innocent.

Q. 7. Why did Jo differ in opinion from her father?

- (A) Because she was a child
- (B) Because she was unable to see beyond facial expressions
- (C) Because she wanted a happy ending
- (D) All of these

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Explanation: Because she was only on 4-year-old child and didn't have any mature understanding.

Q. 8. Jo disapproved _____.

- (A) Roger's mother having rosy smell
- (B) Wizard hitting Roger's mother
- (C) Roger's mother hitting the wizard
- (d) Roger's mother hitting Roger

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Explanation: The wizard had done a good job and Skunk had gained many friends and so it was wrong on mommy Skunk's part to behave selfish and hit the wizard instead of rewarding him.

Q. 9. "Daddy."

"What?"

"Roger Skunk. You said Roger Fish."

"Yes. Skunk."

The above dialogue shows Jo to be _____ and her father to be _____.

Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence.

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- (A) confused; exhausted
- (b) rude; careless
- (c) vigilant; hasty
- (d) disrespectful; disinterested

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q. 10. "Jack didn't like women when they took anything for granted; he liked them apprehensive, hanging on his words."

Choose the option with the correct reference to the textual statement given above.

(CBSE QB, 2021)

- (A) The way Jo was looking out of the window as if she was not interested annoyed Jack.
- (b) The way Clare was shifting the furniture downstairs was irksome to Jack.
- (c) The way Jack was not able to make Jo sleep on time was making him restless.
- (d) The way the skunk's mommy in the story didn't listen to his son, irritated Jack.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

EXTRACT BASED MCQs

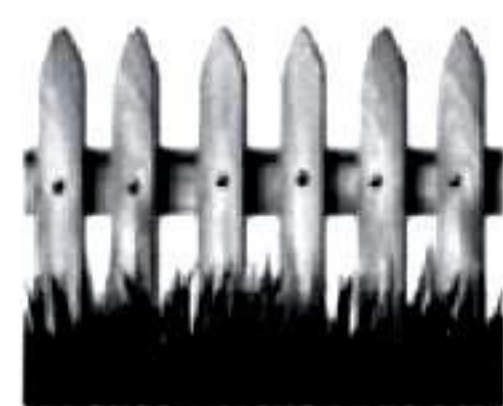
Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:

(1 × 4 = 4 marks)

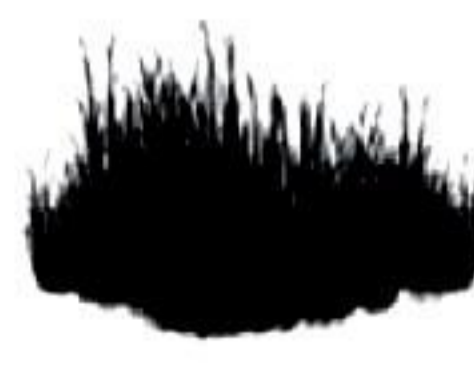
I. "Over the crick and there will be the wizard's house." And that's the way Roger Skunk went and pretty soon he came to a little white house and he rapped on the door." Jack rapped on the window sill and under the covers Jo's tall figure clenched in an infantile thrill. "And then a tiny little old man came out, with a long white beard and a pointed blue hat and said, "Eh? Whatzis? Whatcher want? You smell awful." The wizard's voice was one of Jack's own favourite effects; he did it by scrunching up his face and somehow whining through his eyes, which felt for the interval rheumy. He felt being an old man suited him.

(CBSE QB, 2021)

Q.1. Choose the option that tells the location of the wizard's house when Jack says "over the crick".



(1)



(2)



(3)



(4)

(A) Option 1

(C) Option 3

(B) Option 2

(D) Option 4

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.2. Select the option that tells you about Jack being a great storyteller.

1. Jack knew the right way to the wizard's house as if he had been there.
2. Jack was commendable at giving his story realistic details.
3. Jack's delivery of speech with sound effects was remarkable.
4. Jack looked like a really old man as if he was the wizard.

- (A) 1, 2 (B) 2, 3
(C) 3, 4 (d) 1, 4

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.3. Pick the option that suitably decodes the wizard's message when he says "Eh? Whatzis? Whatcher want?".

- (A) What is this? What can you want? (B) What's this? What do you want?
(C) Who? What can I do? (D) Who are you? What you want?

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.4. What was Jo's reaction to Jack's knock on the window?

- (A) She stiffened in anticipation of something thrilling.
- (B) She held on to the covers tightly and compressed her lips.
- (C) She relaxed, knowing that her father was around to protect her.
- (D) She instantly responded in the voice of another character.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

II. "All right. He said, 'But Mommy, all the other little animals run away,' and she said, 'I don't care. You smelled the way a little skunk should have and I'm going to take you right back to that wizard,' and she took an umbrella and went back with Roger Skunk and hit that wizard right over the head." "No," Jo said, and put her hand out to touch his lips, yet even in her agitation did not quite dare to stop the source of truth. Inspiration came to her. "Then the wizard hit her on the head and did not change that little skunk back."

(CBSE QB, 2021)

Q.1. Roger Skunk's mommy was _____ and _____ when she got to know the truth about her son's aromatic body. Choose the option to fill in the blank correctly.

1. vexed
 2. dissatisfied
 3. hostile
 4. disheartened
- (A) 1, 2 (B) 2, 3
(C) 3, 4 (D) 1, 4

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q.2. Choose the option that appropriately shows a quote giving away the message Roger's mommy wanted to give Roger.

Quote 1	Quote 2	Quote 3	Quote 4
Wanting to be someone else is the waste of the person you are.	Growing up means realizing a lot of your friends aren't really your friends.	Confidence is the best makeup you could ever wear.	It takes nothing to join the crowd. It takes everything to be alone.

- (A) Quote 1 (B) Quote 2
(C) Quote 3 (D) Quote 4

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.3. Pick the option listing the reason Jo wanted to change her father's narrative.

- (A) Jo was getting bored of her father controlling the entire narrative.
- (B) Jo thought of the skunk's mother as a villain for not letting him make friends.
- (C) Jo was interrupting her father's narrative just to annoy him and have fun.
- (D) Jo liked the wizard more and so she took pity on him for getting beaten.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.4. Choose the correct option with respect to the statements given below.

Statement 1: Jo was adding bits to the story created by her own imagination.

Statement 2: Jack was tired and felt relaxed since he didn't have to complete the whole story.

- (A) Statement 1 can be inferred from the extract but Statement 2 cannot be.
- (B) Statement 1 cannot be inferred from the extract but Statement 2 can be.
- (C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.
- (D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

III. Jo was starting to fuss with her hands and look out of the window, at the crack of day that showed under the

shade. She thought the story was all over. Jack didn't like women when they took anything for granted; he liked them apprehensive, hanging on his words. "Now, Jo, are you listening?" "Yes" "Because this is very interesting. Roger Skunk's mommy said, 'What that awful smell?' "who at?" "And, Roger Skunk said, 'its me, Mommy. I smell the roses'. And she said" "Who made you smell like that?" And he said, 'The wizard,' and she said, 'Well, of all the nerve. You come with me and we're going right back to that very awful wizard.'" (CBSE SQP, 2020-21)

Q.1. Choose the option that best demonstrates the relevant traits of Jo and Jack respectively, based on the extract provided.

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| (A) Curious and irritable | (B) Patient and irritable |
| (C) Curious and lethargic | (D) Patient and lethargic |

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.2. "Jo was starting to fuss with her hands". This means that Jo was :

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| (A) feeling anxious | (B) getting restless |
| (C) feeling lazy | (D) fighting sleep |

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.3. Jo's "What?" indicated what she was feeling. Pick the option that correctly states these feelings.

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| 1. terror | 2. surprise |
| 3. ignorance | 4. displeasure |
| 5. joy | 6. approval |
| (A) 1 and 3 | (B) 2 and 4 |
| (C) 3 and 6 | (D) 4 and 5 |

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.4. Mommy says, 'Well, of all the nerve.' This reveals her :

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| (A) approval, surprise and pleasure | (B) pleasure, hope and approval |
| (C) betrayal, disapproval and hurt | (D) shock, anger and disapproval |

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

IV. This custom, begun when she was two, was itself now nearly two years old and his head felt empty.

Q.1. Who is 'she' in the above lines?

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| (A) Joanne | (B) Jack |
| (C) Joanne's sister | (D) Witch |

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.2. From which lesson have these words been taken?

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| (A) Deep Water | (B) The Enemy |
| (C) Should Wizard Hit Mommy? | (D) The Third Level |

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.3. What custom is being referred to here?

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| (A) Morning walking | (B) Story telling |
| (C) Self-eating | (D) Doing magic |

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.4. Whose head is being referred here?

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| (A) Owl | (B) Wizard |
| (C) Skunk | (D) Jack |

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

V. Having a fresh hero momentarily stirred Jack to creative enthusiasm. "All right," he said.

Q.1. Who is 'Jack' here?

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|------------|------------|
| (A) Father | (B) Owl |
| (C) Skunk | (D) Wizard |

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.2. Who is 'a fresh hero'?

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|--------------|-----------|
| (A) Owl | (B) Skunk |
| (C) Tortoise | (D) Mouse |

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.3. What was the problem of this 'fresh hero'?

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| (A) Bad humour | (B) Distorted face |
| (C) Awful smell | (D) Limping |

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.4. How could Jo know about this creature?

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| (A) In the class | (B) In the mall |
| (C) In the TV | (D) In the Zoo |

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

VI. "Won't he see the owl?" she asked in a high and faintly roughened voice.

Q.1. Who is 'she' in the above lines?

- (A) Owl's wife
- (B) Skunk's mother
- (C) Jack's daughter
- (D) Jo's mother

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.2. Why did 'she' suggest 'he' to see the owl?

- (A) To get rid of the smell
- (B) To get rid of the headache
- (C) To get past the tigers
- (D) To reach the Zoo

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.3. How did Jo know about the owl?

- (A) The story was new
- (B) The story was unexpected
- (C) The story was predictable
- (D) The story was a science fiction

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.4. Where did 'he' find the owl?

- (A) On the roof
- (B) In an old house
- (C) On top of a big tree
- (D) In the bedroom cupboard

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

VII. "Are magic spells real?" This was a new phase, just this last month, a reality phase. When he told her spiders eat bugs, she turned to her mother and asked, "Do they really?".

Q.1. Who put up the question "Are magic spells real?"

- (A) Jack
- (B) Jill
- (C) Jo
- (D) Jimmy

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.2. Why did he/she ask this question?

- (A) When she heard the word 'wizard'.
- (B) When she heard the word 'magic'.
- (C) When she heard the word 'spells'.
- (D) When she heard the word 'abracadabra'.

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.3. What answer did 'he' give?

- (A) They're real
- (B) They're real in mythology
- (C) They're real in stories
- (D) They're not real

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.4. What does the word 'phase' mean?

- (A) The face of a person
- (B) Particular time in a sequence of events
- (C) American spelling for 'face'
- (D) Particular sequence of events

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

VIII. "And then a tiny little old man came out, with a long white beard and a pointed blue hat, and said, "Eh? Whatzis? Whatcher want?"

Q.1. Who is the speaker of these words?

- (A) Jo
- (B) Owl
- (C) Jack
- (D) Skunk

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.2. Who is 'tiny old man' here?

- (A) Owl
- (B) Jack
- (C) Skunk
- (D) Wizard

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q.3. Why did tiny old man come out?

- (A) Skunk had knocked at his door
- (B) Wizard had knocked at his door
- (C) Jack had knocked at his door
- (D) Owl had knocked at his door

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.4. Where did the old man live?

- (A) Red house
- (B) White house
- (C) Black house
- (D) Green house

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

IX. So, he took them back to the wizard and was very happy and ran out into the woods and all the other little animals gathered around him because he smelled so good.

Q.1. Who is 'he' in the above lines?

- (A) Owl
- (B) Roger Skunk
- (C) Wizard
- (D) Jack

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.2. What was asked to 'he'?

- (A) To go back
- (B) To pay seven pennies
- (C) To learn the chapter
- (D) None of these

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.3. What would other animals call 'he' earlier?

- (A) Smelly Skunk
- (B) Fragrant Skunk
- (C) Stinky Skunk
- (D) Fairy Skunk

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.4. Who solved the problem of 'he' and how?

- (A) Wizard
- (B) Owl
- (C) Jack
- (D) Mother Skunk

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

X. Jo sat up, her hands dabbling in the air with genuine fright. "But Daddy, then he said that the other little animals run away!" Her hands skittered off, into the underbrush.

Q.1. Why did Jo start dabbling her hands in the air?

- (A) To show her happiness
- (B) To show her anger
- (C) To show her displeasure
- (D) To show her excitement

Ans. Option (C) is correct.

Q.2. What was Jo apprehensive of?

- (A) Children will again humiliate skunk
- (B) Children will start playing with skunk
- (C) Children will like the company of skunk
- (D) Children will beat skunk

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.3. What does 'skittered' mean?

- (A) Moved excitedly
- (B) Hit hard
- (C) Cleared the way
- (D) Proceeded hurriedly

Ans. Option (D) is correct.

Q.4. What is 'underbrush'?

- (A) Small plants
- (B) Potted plants
- (C) Wild plants
- (D) None of these

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

XI. "Well, we'll see. Now at least have a rest. Stay on the bed. You're a good girl."

Q.1. Who is the author of these words?

- (A) John Updike
- (B) Jack Finney
- (C) Colin Dexter
- (D) Susan Hill

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.2. Who is the speaker of the above words?

- (A) Jo
- (B) Jack
- (C) Wizard
- (D) Owl

Ans. Option (B) is correct.

Q.3. What had the girl asked for?

- (A) To tell the story again with a different ending
- (B) To tell a new story
- (C) To ask the wizard to hit Mother skunk
- (D) Never to tell a story again

Ans. Option (A) is correct.

Q.4. Where did Jack go after telling a story to Jo?

- (A) To sleep
- (B) To help his wife
- (C) To office
- (D) To meet a client

Ans. Option (B) is correct.